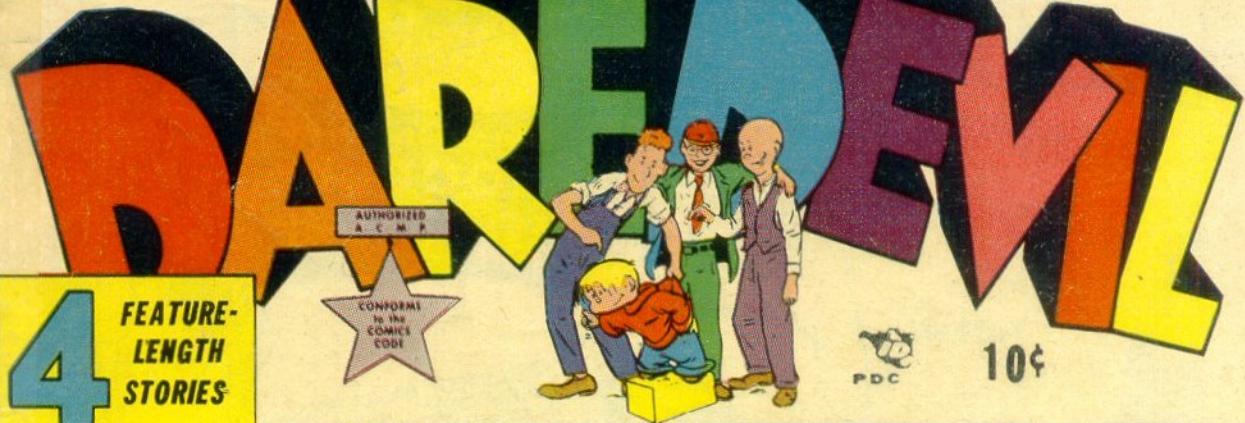


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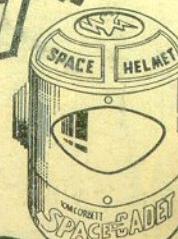
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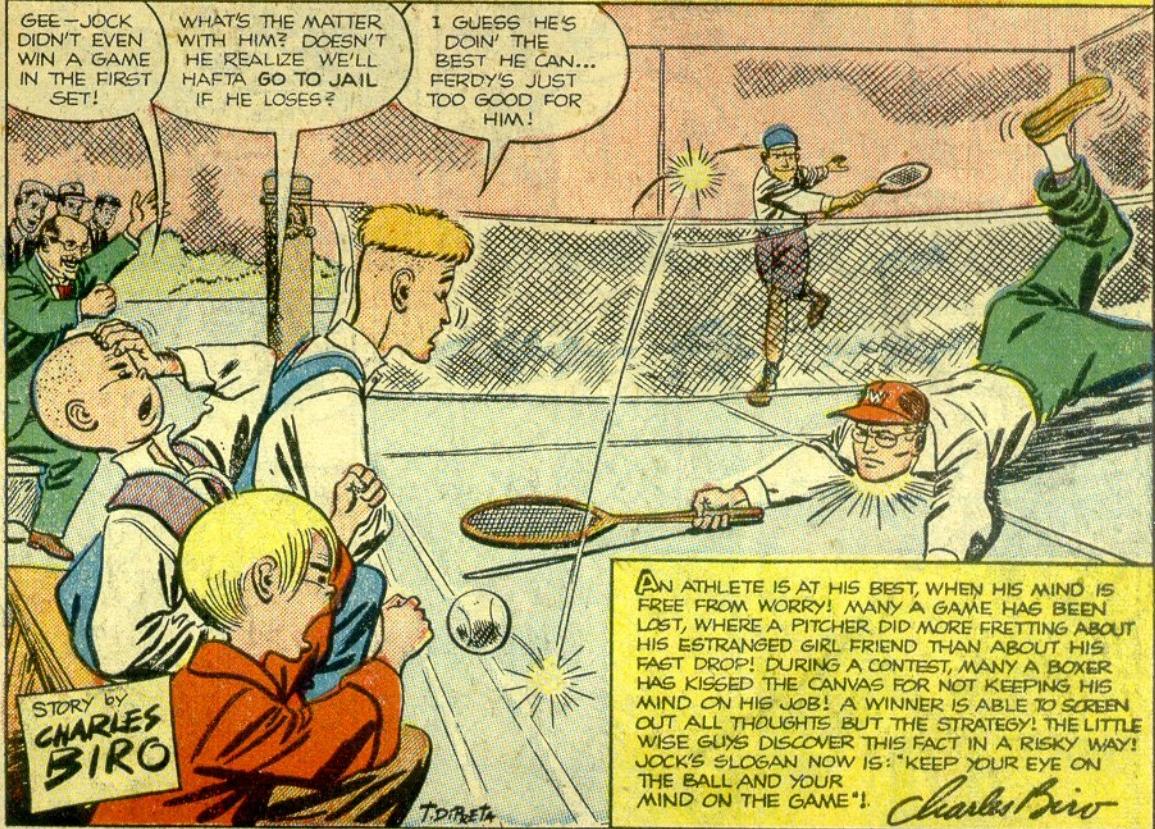
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IN "THE RACKET BUSTERS"

GEE—JOCK
DIDN'T EVEN
WIN A GAME
IN THE FIRST
SET!

WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH HIM? DOESN'T
HE REALIZE WE'LL
HAFTA GO TO JAIL
IF HE LOSES?

I GUESS HE'S
DOIN' THE
BEST HE CAN...
FERDY'S JUST
TOO GOOD FOR
HIM!



STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO

Charles Biro

AN ATHLETE IS AT HIS BEST, WHEN HIS MIND IS FREE FROM WORRY! MANY A GAME HAS BEEN LOST, WHERE A PITCHER DID MORE FRETTING ABOUT HIS ESTRANGED GIRL FRIEND THAN ABOUT HIS FAST DROP! DURING A CONTEST, MANY A BOXER HAS KISSED THE CANVAS FOR NOT KEEPING HIS MIND ON HIS JOB! A WINNER IS ABLE TO SCREEN OUT ALL THOUGHTS BUT THE STRATEGY! THE LITTLE WISE GUYS DISCOVER THIS FACT IN A RISKY WAY! JOCK'S SLOGAN NOW IS: "KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL AND YOUR MIND ON THE GAME"!

JEEPERS! IF
THE PARK
DEPARTMENT
WON'T LET US
SELL TICKETS TO
OUR BALL GAME,
HOW ARE WE
GONNA RAISE
MONEY FOR NEW
EQUIPMENT?

HEY! THERE'S A
VACANT LOT RIGHT
ACROSS FROM
THE MARKHAM
MILLS! MAYBE
THEY'LL LET
US USE IT!

WHY
DIDN'T I
THINK OF
THAT?

WOULD
YOU LET
US PLAY
ON THE
LOT?

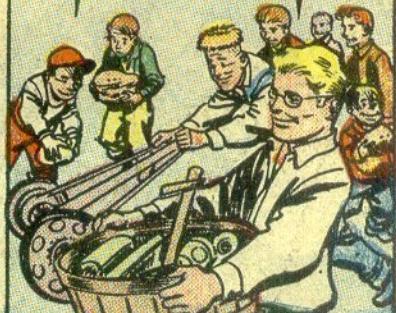
I'M ONLY
THE FOREMAN—
BUT IT'S
OKAY WITH
ME! AND
PUT ME DOWN
FOR TWO
TICKETS!

GOSH—
YOU SURE
ARE A
SWELL
GUY,
MISTER
FOREMAN!

HEY, WISE
GUYS! I'LL
MAKE THE
TICKETS ON
MY PRINTIN'
SET! JOEY
AN' ME'LL
SELL 'EM!

MY POP SAID HE'D
GIVE US THE LUMBER
TO BUILD THE
SEATS!

OKAY!
THE REST OF US
CAN CLEAN THE
LOT OFF, AND
LINE THE FIELD!



HOURS LATER...

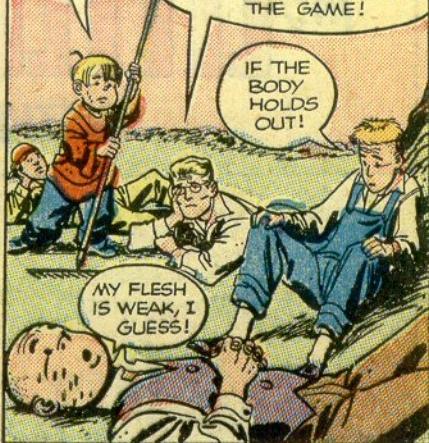
WE PRINTED UP 350 TICKETS, AND WE'VE SOLD OVER A HUNDRED ALREADY! EVERYBODY WANTS TO COME!

SWELL! AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, WE'LL HAVE THE FIELD READY BY SATURDAY—EASY!



I THINK I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE TILL SATURDAY!

THAT OUGHTA BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY! WE CAN FINISH UP TOMORROW, AND STILL HAVE A DAY OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE GAME!



BOY, AT FIFTY CENTS A TICKET...IF WE SELL 350 TICKETS, THAT'LL BE...

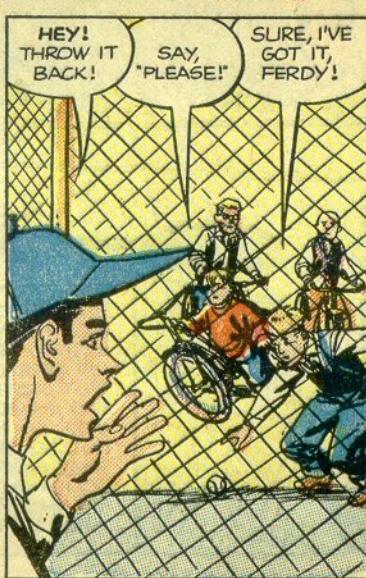
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED TENNIS, SCARECROW!



HEY! THROW IT BACK!

SAY, "PLEASE!"

SURE, I'VE GOT IT, FERDY!



YOU MISSED! GRAB IT, YOU MORON! IT'S GONNA ROLL INTO THAT MUD!

LISTEN TO THE CREEP! LET IT ROLL, SCARECROW!



GET IT YOURSELF!

DARN! DARN! NOW I HAVE TO WALK OUT!



HI, JERRY! WE'LL GIVE YOU A COUPLE PASSES IF YOU'LL LET US PUT THIS POSTER IN YOUR SWEET SHOP WINDOW!

SURE! I WAS PLANNING TO BUY SOME TICKETS, ANYWAY! HOW ARE THEY SELLING?

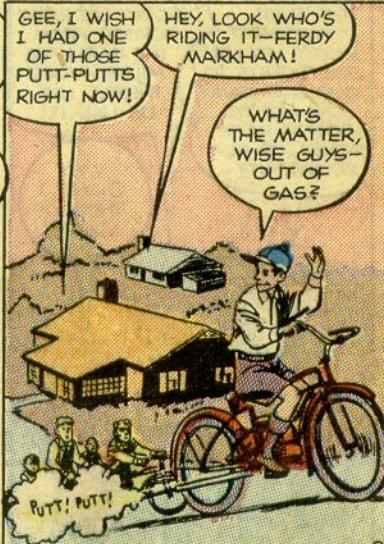
LIKE YOUR DOUBLE SUNDAES!



GEE, I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE PUTT-PUTTS RIGHT NOW!

HEY, LOOK WHO'S RIDING IT—FERDY MARKHAM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, WISE GUYS—OUT OF GAS?



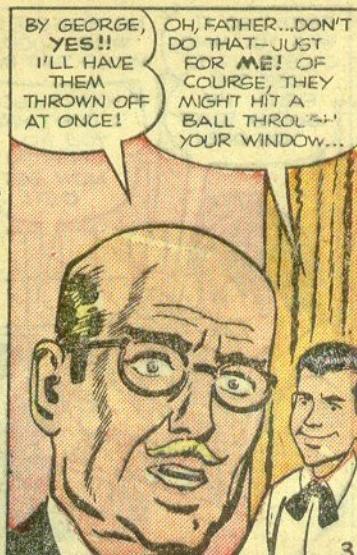
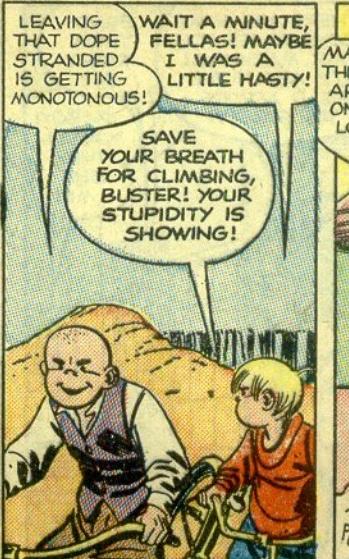
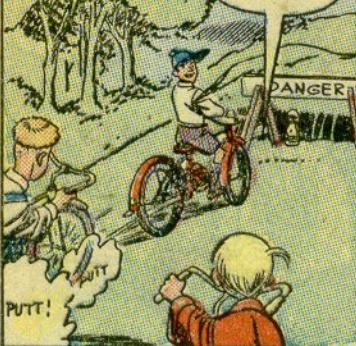
IF YOU WERE CLEARING A BALL FIELD ALL DAY, YOU'D NEED REFUELING, TOO!

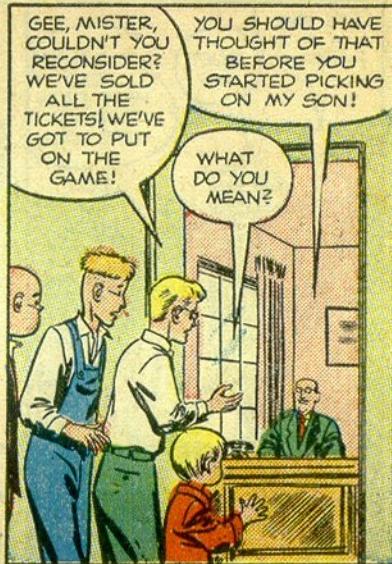
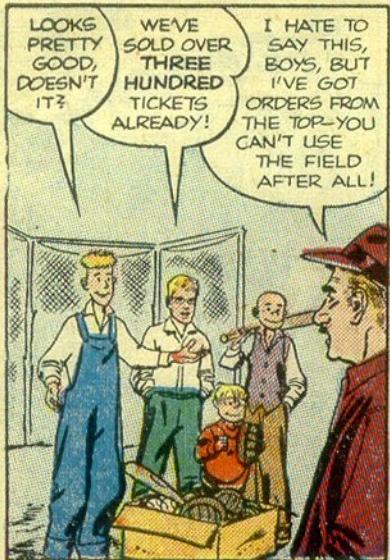
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WELL, LA DE DA!

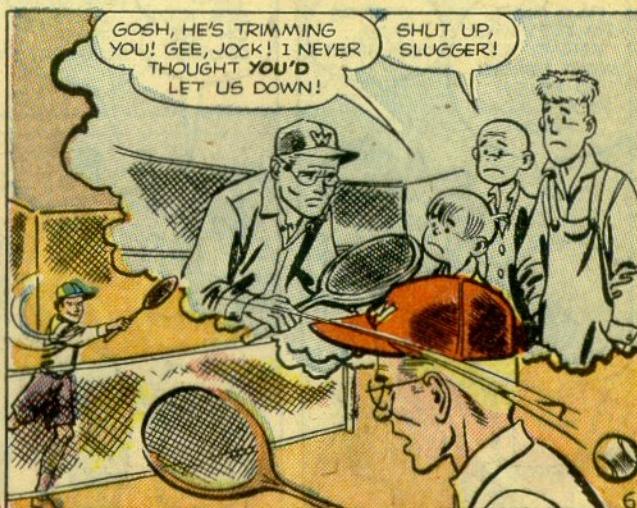
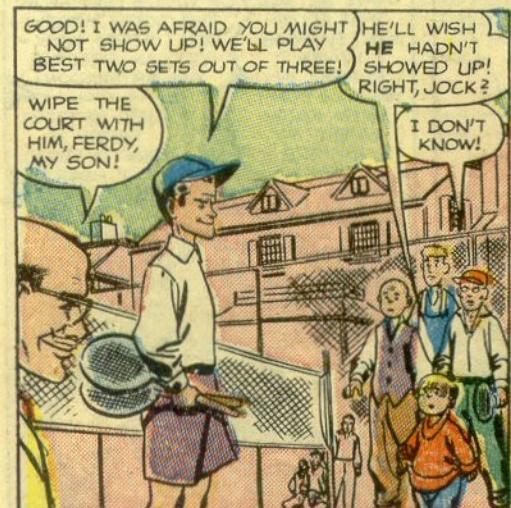
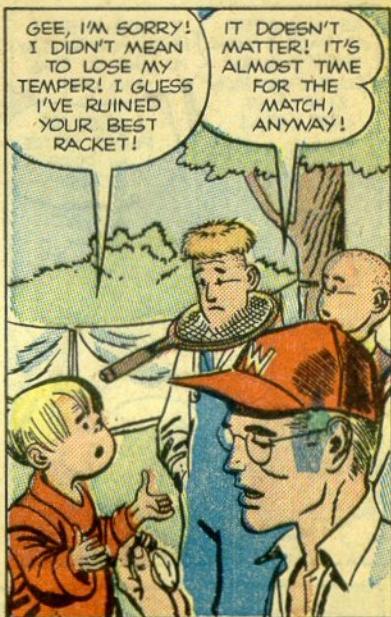
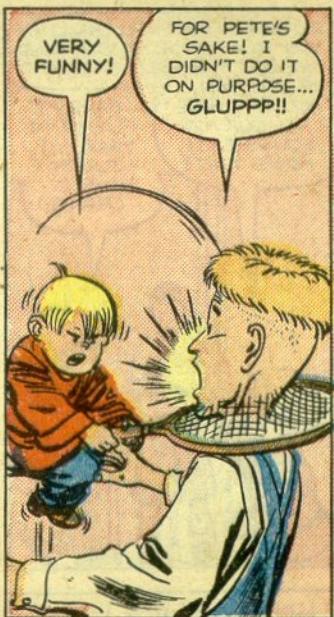
WATCH OUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU CHOWDERHEAD!

I DON'T NEED ADVICE FROM... YI!!!!!!









JEEPERS! THAT'S THE FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME JOCK'S LOST!

I THOUGHT HE COULD PLAY BETTER THAN THIS!

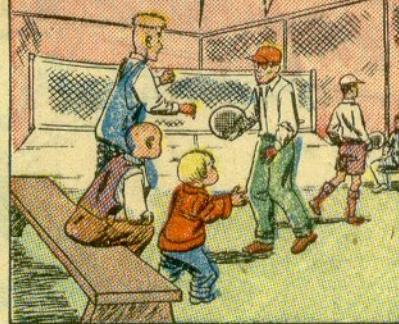
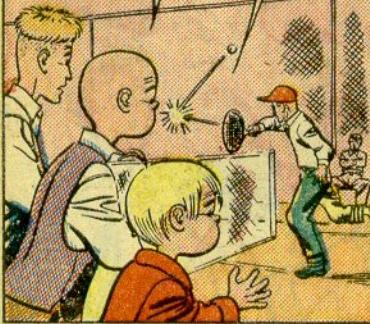
HE SEEMS TO BE NERVOUS!

I'M SORRY, BOYS! IF YOU HADN'T LOST THE EQUIPMENT, YOU COULD HAVE SOLD IT AND PAID BACK SOME OF THE MONEY, BUT AS IT IS, I HAVE NO CHOICE!

GEE, YOU DIDN'T WIN A GAME THE WHOLE FIRST SET!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOCK? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M SORRY, FELLAS...



OH, NO! THAT MAKES IT THREE GAMES TO NOTHIN' IN THE SECOND SET!

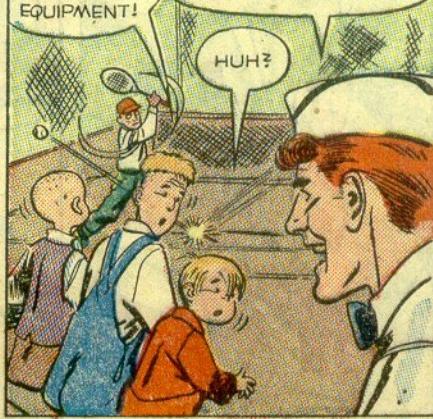
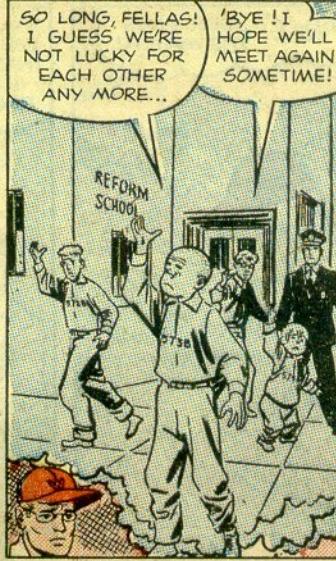
I GUESS WE CAN SAY GOOD-BY TO THAT EQUIPMENT!

SO LONG, FELLAS! I GUESS WE'RE NOT LUCKY FOR EACH OTHER ANY MORE...

'BYE ! I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOMETIME!

HIYA, JERRY! POOR JOCK IS TAKING AN AWFUL TRIMMIN'! WE'VE LOST OUR FIELD, AND NOW OUR EQUIPMENT!

DON'T FRET, WISE GUYS! I'M COUNSELOR AT THE BOYS' CLUB, AND THEY GAVE ME PERMISSION TO LET YOU USE THEIR FIELD AND THEIR EQUIPMENT! NOW IS THAT BAD?



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL EVERYBODY YOU'VE SOLD TICKETS TO, THAT THE FIELD'S CHANGED!

YIPPEE!! OUR WORRIES ARE OVER!

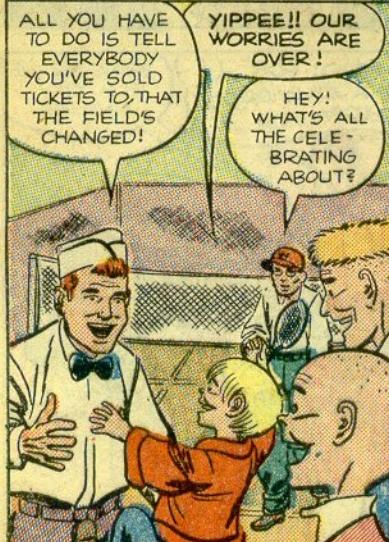
HEY! WHAT'S ALL THE CELEBRATING ABOUT?

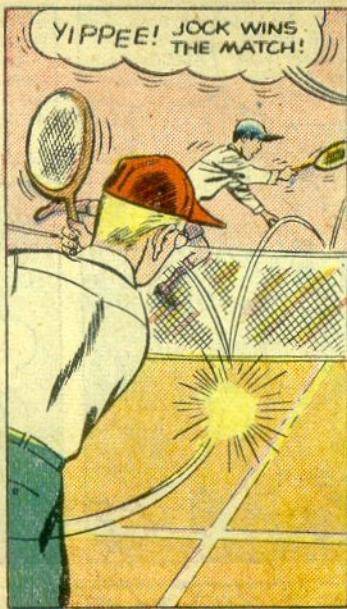
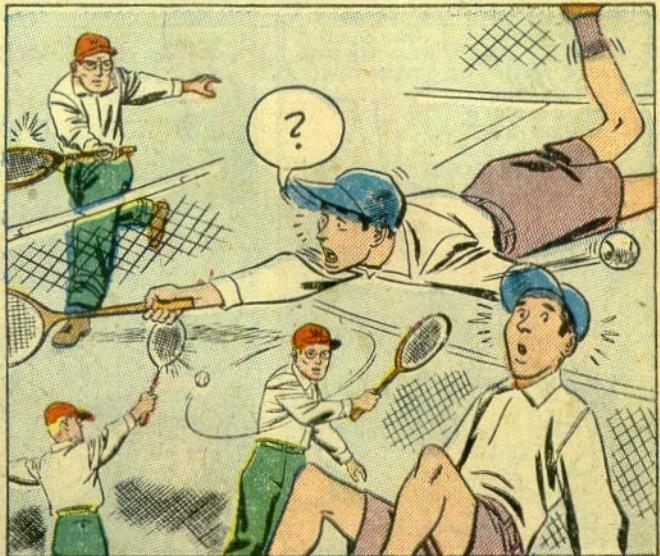
...SO YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO FINISH THE MATCH! LET HIM HAVE THE EQUIPMENT!

OH, NO! I'M NOT LICKED YET!

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF FINISHING THIS SET? TRUTHFULLY, IT'S QUITE BORING!

GET OVER THERE, BUSTER! THIS MATCH ISN'T OVER YET!

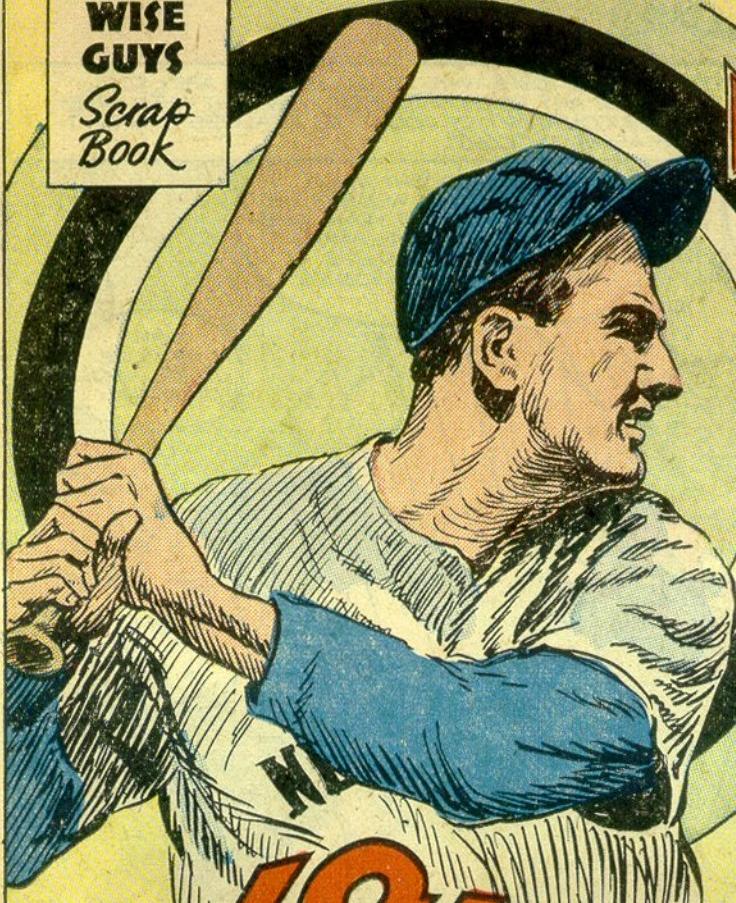




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MORE THAN MUSCLE



LOU GEHRIG

JUNE 19, 1903 - JUNE 2, 1941

THE YANKEE IRON HORSE-A MEMBER OF BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME! HE WAS TRULY A REMARKABLE PLAYER, AND ONE THE IMMORTAL GREATS OF OUR NATIONAL PASTIME! LOU FELL VICTIM OF POLIOMYEITIS-BUT WAS NEVER TOLD OF THIS TO THE END! HE WAS LOVED BY ALL-EVEN BY THOSE WHO HAD ONLY HEARD OF HIS NAME!

GEHRIG WAS BORN IN THE CONGESTED AREA OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK CITY! HE ATTENDED THE HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE BEFORE ENTERING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY THROUGH A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP. IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, HE QUIT SCHOOL TO SIGN A YANKEE CONTRACT FOR \$1,500! ON JUNE 1, 1925, AGAINST THE WASHINGTON SENATORS, GEHRIG STARTED ON HIS MAGNIFICENT CONSECUTIVE-GAME PLAYING STREAK THAT LASTED 14 YEARS!



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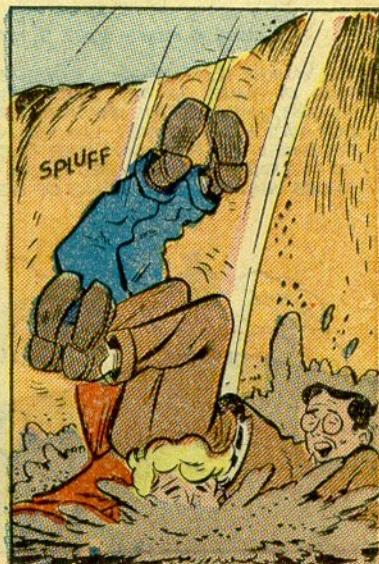
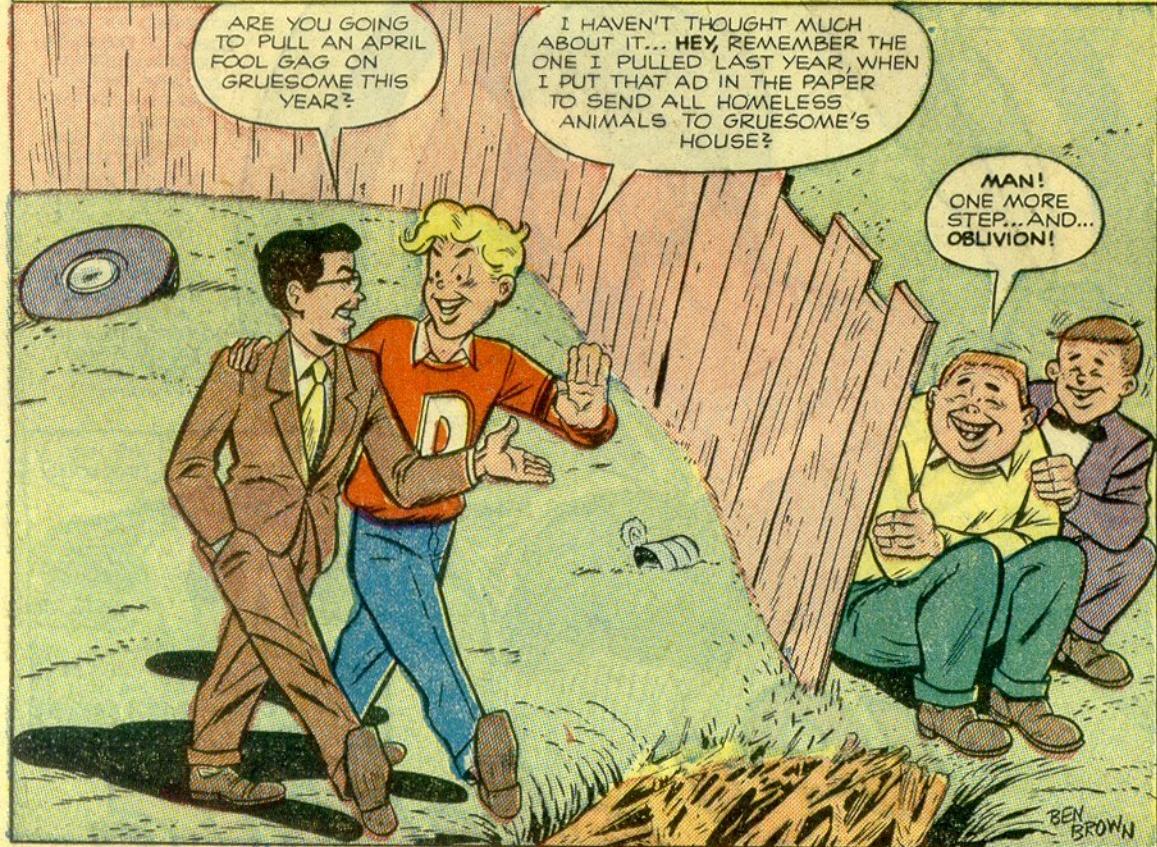
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DILLY DUNCAN

in "APRIL FOOL"

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, DILLY AND GRUESOME JONES HAVE PULLED MANY AN APRIL FOOL GAG ON EACH OTHER AND THEY DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO STOP NOW! BUT WHEN GRUESOME FINDS HIMSELF FACING ARREST, FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, HE REALIZES IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS HE THOUGHT!



GRUESOME! I SHOULDA KNOWN THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR MORONIC STUNTS! WE COULD'VE BEEN KILLED!

YEAH! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T! IT WAS A GOOD JOKE, ANYWAY! APRIL FOOL!

THAT WASN'T EVEN AN APRIL FOOL GAG, ANYWAY! ONLY A LUNKHEAD LIKE GRUESOME WOULD THINK IT WAS FUNNY!

WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO HIM NOW! SOMETHING BAD!

HEY! THAT POLICEMAN REMINDED ME! YOUR OLD MAN'S A JUDGE, ISN'T HE? LET'S GO DOWN TO HIS OFFICE!

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS, BUT IF IT'S FOR GRUESOME... OKAY! BUT WE'D BETTER CHANGE CLOTHES, FIRST!

OKAY—GET ME A BLANK SUMMONS! WE'RE GONNA SCARE THE PANTS OFF THE BIG APE!

WELL, AS LONG AS WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ILLIGAL! IF THIS DOESN'T HAVE A STATE SEAL, WE CAN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!

I'M GONNA SAY HE'S UNDER ARREST FOR DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND ATTEMPTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND COLLISION!

THAT'S COLLUSION! BUT OTHERWISE, YOU'RE OKAY AND I'LL SERVE IT ON HIM! BOY—I CAN SEE HIS FACE NOW!

IS YOU'RE NAME GRUESOME JONES? IF SO, THIS IS FOR YOU!

YOU KNOW DARN WELL... YEOW! WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A SUMMONS... READ IT! MY FATHER'S A JUDGE, YOU KNOW! IT'S FROM HIS OFFICE!

I DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'... I'M TOO YOUNG TO GO TO JAIL! I WANT TO LIVE A LITTLE FIRST!

THIS SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY TO ME!

I JUST CHECKED WITH THE COURT, GRUESOME — THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SUMMONS! IT'S AN APRIL FOOL GAG!

IT IS? AAAH! I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME! THEY'LL HAVE TO GET A LOT SMARTER THAN THAT TO FOOL ME!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS & TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?

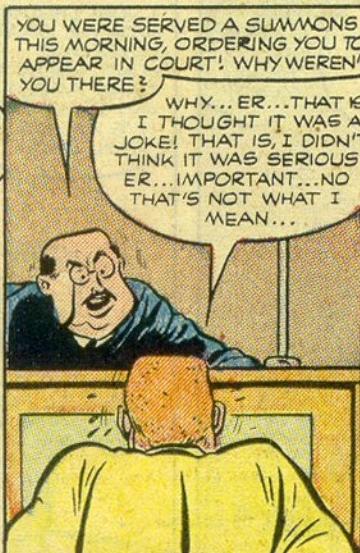
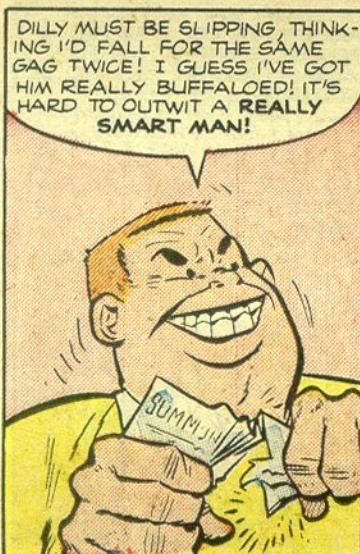
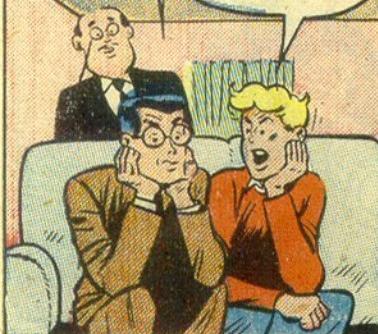
NO, WE JUST PULLED AN APRIL FOOL JOKE ON GRUESOME AND IT FLOPPED!

HE THOUGHT HE WAS SO SMART DIGGIN' THAT HOLE AND TRAPPING US, NOW HE THINKS HE'S A GENIUS!

HOLE? WHAT HOLE? WHERE?

THAT OLD VACANT LOT AT THE CORNER OF SPRUCE AND LOWELL!

I OWN THAT PROPERTY! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, DIGGING HOLES IN MY PROPERTY? I'LL HAVE HIM ARRESTED FOR THIS!





THE END

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT SOMETHING SINISTER'S GOING TO HAPPEN
TO YOU NEXT MONTH WHEN YOU
READ DILLY'S NEXT GOOFY AD-
VENTURE! YOU BETTER GET A
BODYGUARD!

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FORTUNE'S FAVORITES

LONESOME MILLIONS IN TREASURES AWAIT THE FINDER. WHEREVER YOU ARE, ONE OF YOUR STEPS AS YOU WALK MAY MARK THE SPOT WHERE UNTOLD RICHES LIE. IF YOU DOUBT THIS POSSIBILITY, READ OF A FEW WHO DOUBT NO MORE!

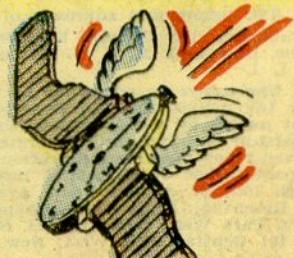
A St. Louis housewife who lost her wrist watch in 1943, agrees that you can never tell what you'll find at a rummage sale or in a woman's purse. Five years after her loss, her mother took one of her daughter's old purses to a church rummage sale, then decided to use it instead to carry home the proceeds, about \$125. Her father helped count the money. When he found a hole in the lining of the purse, he ripped it open. Out tumbled the lost wrist watch.

MONEY PLOW A young farmer struck it rich while plowing on his Washington, Indiana, farm in May, 1949. His plow turned up a wallet containing \$1,400 in currency and a draft registration card. He had lost the wallet four years previously. His bank sent the decaying and molded currency to the United States Treasury which promptly redeemed it.

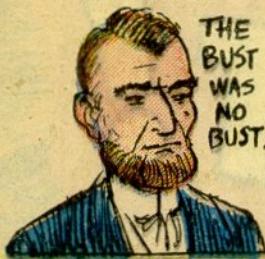
DARLING OF FATE As an attractive bookkeeper stepped out of a St. Louis office building on her lunch hour, the first thing she saw was a check for the amount of \$2,066 lying on the sidewalk. She returned the check to a firm in the same building. Coming out on the street again she found a wallet which a man had just dropped while climbing out of a car. She returned it to him. On the verge of entering a restaurant three blocks away, she saw a woman's purse which had been left on a newsstand. Having lost half of her lunch hour finding other peoples valuables, she ignored the purse.

THE TRAVELLING WATCH

Several years ago a machinist went to Russia with other machinists, for the purpose of showing the Russians how to make automobiles, using American techniques. While riding a trolley car there, someone picked his pockets! Among the missing items was a watch which had been given him as a present by his mother. The following year he returned to America and resumed his work in Detroit. One day in August, three years later, while strolling along a Detroit street, he paused to look in the window of a pawnshop. What he saw caused him to gasp, for there on display was the watch he had lost in Russia. He dashed into the store and asked to see it. On the back was the inscription "To our dear son, on his fifteenth birthday -- Mother and Father." The watch was returned to him and is still in the possession of his family.



THE VALUABLE LINCOLN



In 1951 a junk dealer in Meriden, Connecticut was on a job cleaning out a house, when he found a bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln apparently being discarded. Thinking it would look nice on his television set at home, he bought the bust for two dollars from the tenants who were moving. A short while later an art expert advised him that the Lincoln bust he had purchased was a valuable piece of art, the work of an early American sculptor. When last heard from, the junk dealer had refused bids which had climbed to a figure of \$15,000.

TREASURE TROVE

While looking through the items offered at a rummage sale, a woman in Glen Cove, New York, spied a large, tattered, unframed, peeling painting among the musty, cast-off items. She paid three dollars, tossed the painting into her truck, and drove home. A year later something about the old painting aroused her curiosity and she decided to seek an expert's opinion. Officials of a well-known museum identified the painting as a 16th Century original. Italian art treasure valued at \$25,000.

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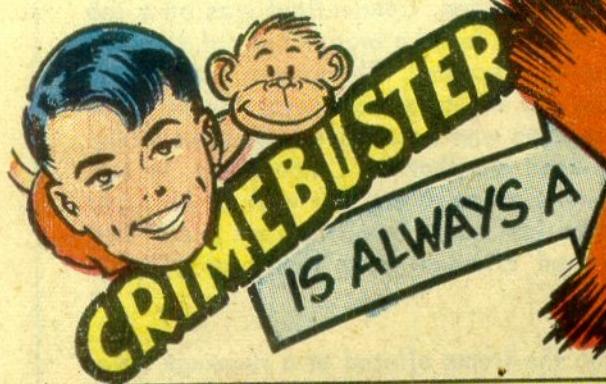
Two peasants who were digging for water in 1944 on the hot desert near the Upper Egyptian town of Akhmim, let out yells of fright when the ground suddenly opened up and swallowed them. Kicking and swearing, the two men fell a distance of about a dozen feet and landed at the bottom of a well-like hole. Their fearful cries however, turned to shouts of joy when they found themselves sitting in the midst of thousands of gold coins. They had accidentally uncovered the tomb of King Mena (3,400 B.C.) and his treasure estimated to be worth \$250,000. Falling into a pile of gold would seem to be fantastic luck, but not for these peasants. They made the mistake of hiding the treasure and were sent to jail when they were caught trying to dispose of the aged coins. Archeologists who later hurried to the scene hailed the discovery as one of the greatest in a decade.



EVIL MONEY



Two women walked into a furniture store in Taylorville, Illinois, and expressed their interest in buying a used couch. One particular couch caught their fancy. While lifting the cushions to examine the springs they saw a knotted handkerchief. Further examination revealed it contained the sum of \$430,000. When the women claimed the money the storekeeper disputed their right to it, inasmuch as the couch was still his property. The argument waxed hot and heavy, and terminated in court action. The contestants could have saved their energy. A local judge ruled that the money was to be turned over to the estate from which the couch was purchased.



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The LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "UP A MYSTERIOUS TREE"

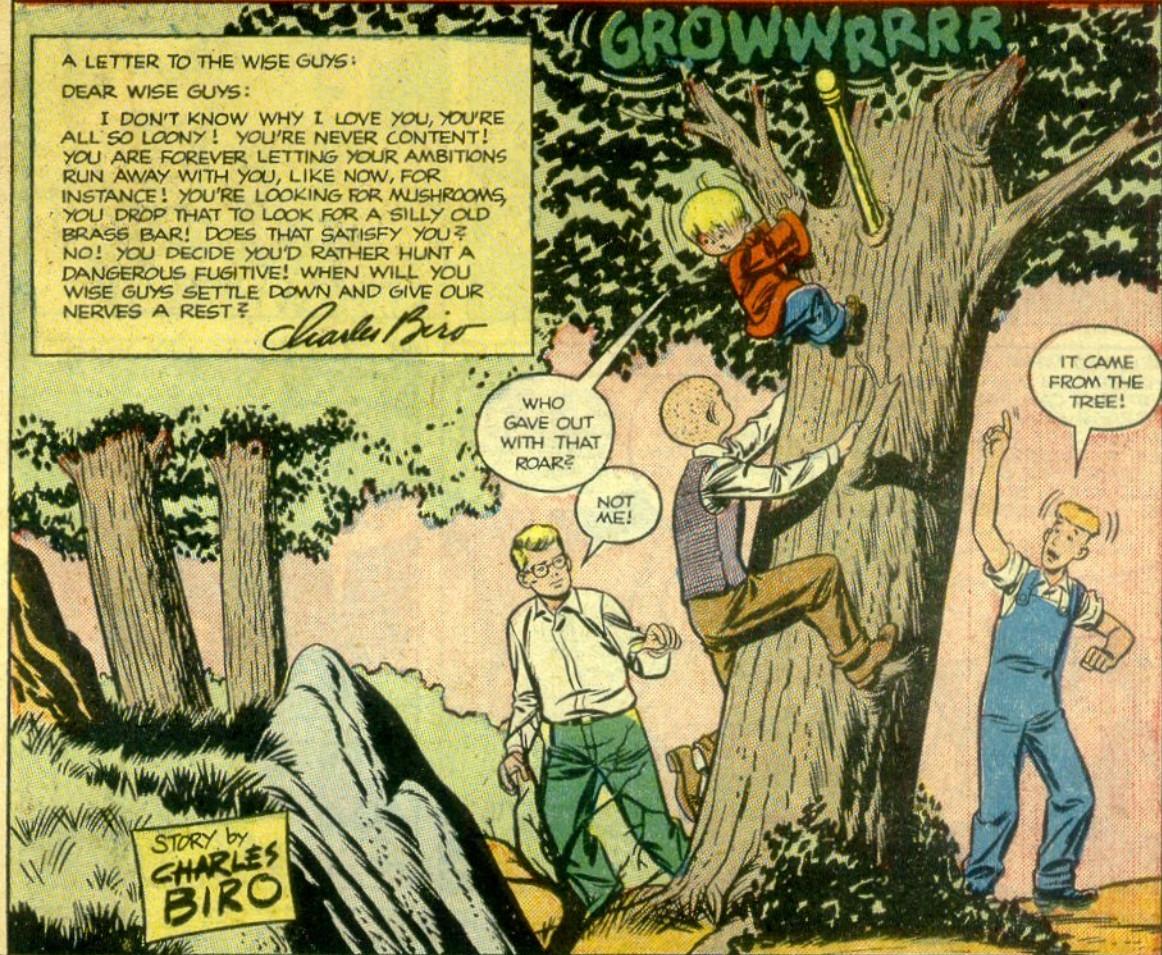
A LETTER TO THE WISE GUYS:

DEAR WISE GUYS:

I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE ALL SO LOONY! YOU'RE NEVER CONTENT! YOU ARE FOREVER LETTING YOUR AMBITIONS RUN AWAY WITH YOU, LIKE NOW, FOR INSTANCE! YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MUSHROOMS, YOU DROP THAT TO LOOK FOR A SILLY OLD BRASS BAR! DOES THAT SATISFY YOU? NO! YOU DECIDE YOU'D RATHER HUNT A DANGEROUS FUGITIVE! WHEN WILL YOU WISE GUYS SETTLE DOWN AND GIVE OUR NERVES A REST?

Charles Biro

GROWWRRRR



HORTON, I'LL PAY YOU \$6,000 FOR YOUR FARM, BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT YOU TO RECHECK ALL THE SURVEY LINES SO I'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GETTING!

COME BACK TOMORROW AFTER NOON, AN' I'LL SHOW YOU THE MARKERS! HAVE THE CASH READY!

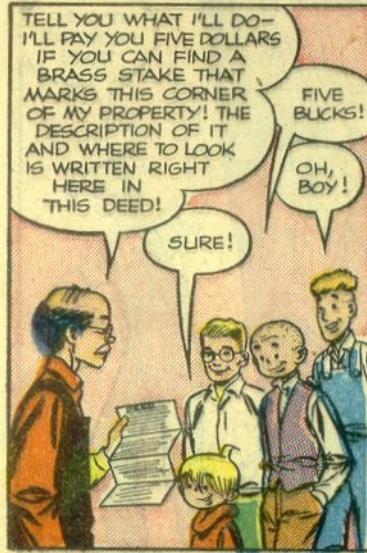
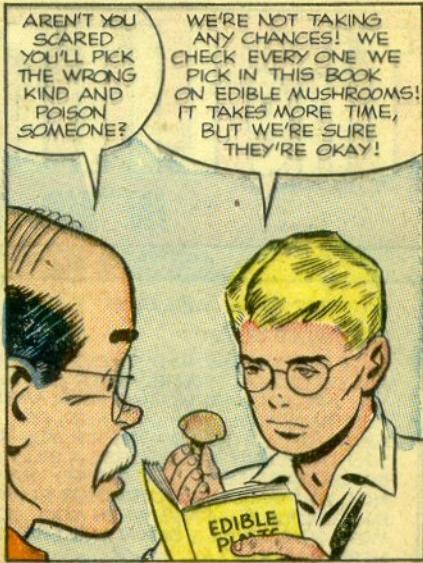
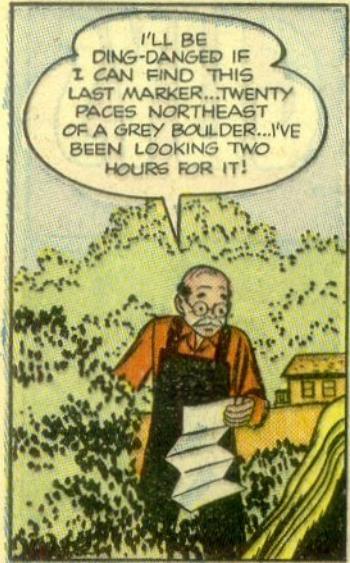
ED, I'M BUYING THE OLD HORTON FARM! WILL YOU HAVE \$6,000 IN CASH READY FOR ME WHEN I STOP BY TOMORROW NOON?

SURE THING, MR. SNOW! LEAVE IT TO OLD HORTON TO WANT A CASH DEAL!

HELLO, SAM... I SEE GUNTER IS AROUND! LAST I'D HEARD, HE WAS IN JAIL!

HE'S HERE TO BORROW MONEY! I HATE TO DO IT, BUT I'M GOING TO TURN DOWN HIS LOAN! HE'S A BAD RISK!

LOOKS LIKE THE OLD NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE FARM HASN'T EVER BEEN RECHECKED SINCE THIS DEED WAS MADE OUT TO MY GRANDPAPPY NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO! GUESS I'D BETTER GET STARTED LOOKING FOR THOSE OLD BRASS BAR MARKERS IT SPEAKS OF IN THIS DEED!

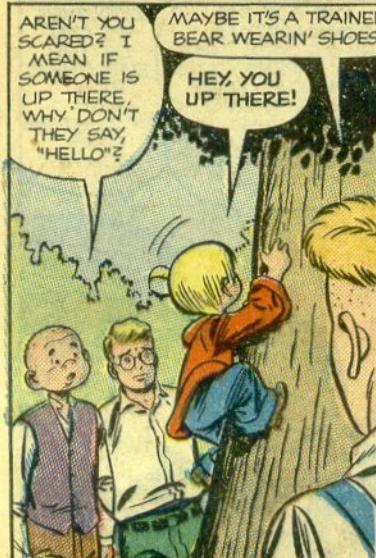


WE MARKED THE PIPE BY PUTTIN' SLUGGERS' HANDKERCHIEF ON IT, SO YOU WON'T MISS IT, MR. HORTON!

FINE, BOYS! HERE'S YOUR MONEY! IMAGINE THAT PIPE WINDING UP, IN A TREE, THAT BEATS ALL!

THOUGHT THOSE PESTY KIDS WOULD NEVER CLEAR OUT FROM UNDER THIS TREE!

WANT TO GET UP HERE WHERE I CAN GET A GOOD VIEW OF HORTON'S PLACE! IMAGINE HIM GETTING \$6,000 CASH FROM SNOW! HE DON'T NEED THE MONEY AS MUCH AS I DO!



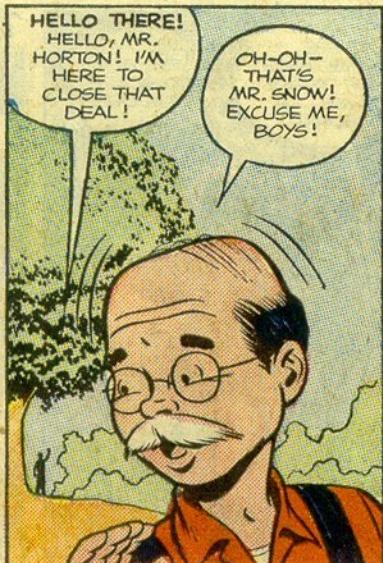
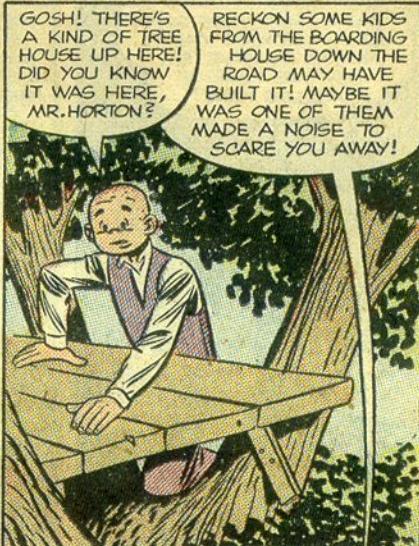
LEMMIE OUT OF HERE!
THAT WAS A WILD ANIMAL...
MAYBE A MOUNTAIN LION...

A LEAST A BEAR...GOSH,
LET'S GO WARN MR. HORTON!

Y'SAY THERE'S SOME KIND OF WILD ANIMAL TREED IN THAT OLD OAK? LET'S TAKEA LOOK- THIS OLD SHOTGUN OF MINE WILL TAKE CARE OF ANY ANIMAL AROUND THESE PARTS! CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD BE! HAVEN'T SEEN ANY BEAR IN YEARS!

THIS ONE MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM SOME CIRCUS!

WHATEVER'S UP THERE HAD BETTER SING OUT BY THE TIME I COUNT THREE OR I'LL SHOOT! ONE... TWO...THREE...



DON'T HURRY ABOUT MOVING OUT! I WON'T BE WANTING POSSESSION UNTIL LATE SUMMER!

ALL RIGHT—THANKS, MR. SNOW!

IT'S GOING TO SEEM STRANGE MOVIN' OFF THE OLD HOMESTEAD... STILL I'VE FARMED LONG ENOUGH... DO ME GOOD TO RETIRE AN' TAKE LIFE EASY!

BOP!!



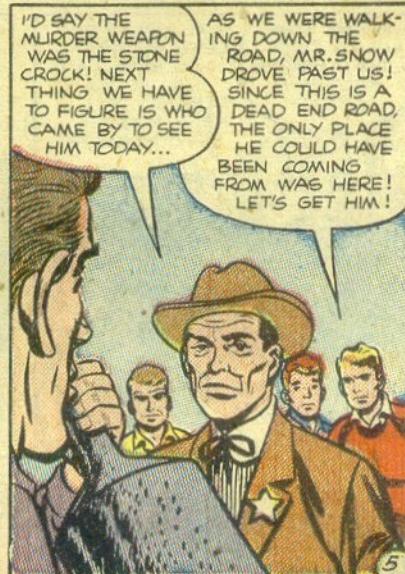
I'LL HIDE UP HERE TILL DARK! THEN I CAN SNEAK DOWN TO THE FREIGHT YARDS AND GET AWAY! I WAS SMART TELLIN' THEM AT THE BANK I WAS LEAVIN' TOWN! THEY'LL THINK I LEFT BEFORE HORTON WAS ROBBED!



THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT TO ME! THERE'S NO WAY HORTON COULD'VE STRUCK HIS HEAD THIS HARD BY FALLIN'! SOMEBODY ATTACKED HIM!



I'D SAY THE MURDER WEAPON WAS THE STONE CROCK! NEXT THING WE HAVE TO FIGURE IS WHO CAME BY TO SEE HIM TODAY...



WHY WOULD I KILL HORTON? I JUST PAID HIM \$6,000 CASH FOR HIS PLACE ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE WHO ROBBED HIM OF THAT MONEY!

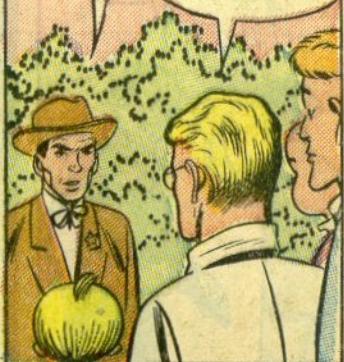
HMM... SINCE NOBODY ELSE PASSED YOU, THAT MEANS THE MURDERER COULD STILL BE HIDING AROUND THESE PARTS! LET'S START SEARCHING!

HEY, YOU KIDS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WE'RE GOING TO PICNIC UP IN A TREE PLATFORM OVER WHERE THAT BIG OAK TREE IS! MR. HORTON TOLD US WE COULD!

HORTON WAS MURDERED! SURE YOU KIDS DON'T KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE SAYING?

MURDERED? WHY WE SAW HIM ONLY ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! HE PAID US FIVE DOLLARS TO FIND A BOUNDARY MARKER!

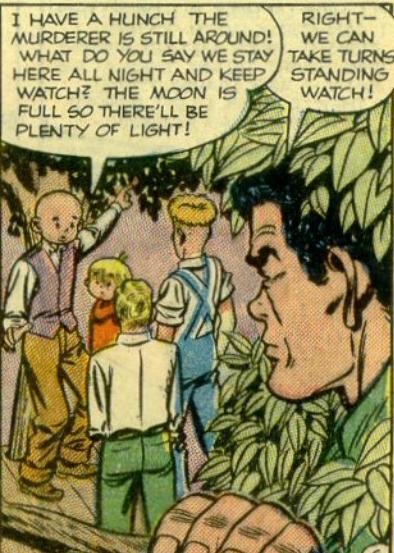


IT'S NOT THESE BOYS, SHERIFF! IT'S SOMEONE WHO KNEW I WAS PAYING NORTON CASH FOR HIS PLACE TODAY... THERE WAS THE BANK TELLER... AND... AND... GUNTER! GUNTER WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME! HE COULD'VE HEARD ME...

THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE AROUND HERE EARLIER! SOMEONE WEARING CLEATED SHOES... SEE? WE THOUGHT THEY WERE MR. HORTON'S PRINTS AT FIRST, BUT HE WAS WEARING PLAIN SOLES! WHOEVER IT WAS TRIED TO SCARE US BY PRETENDING TO BE A WILD ANIMAL UP THERE!

WE WENT AND GOT HORTON AND HE FIRED HIS SHOTGUN UP IN THE TREE, BUT WHOEVER HAD BEEN UP THERE HAD GONE! IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE MURDERER!

LET'S GO CHECK UP ON GUNTHER'S ALIBI! IT STILL COULD BE, YOU KILLED HORTON AND TOOK BACK THE MONEY AFTER HE SIGNED THE DEED TO YOU, SNOW!



NEVER! WHY WOULD I DO THAT? HORTON WAS MY FRIEND!

WE'LL SEE! NOW LET'S GO BACK... YOU BOYS CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE! IF I NEED YOU, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH APPETITE FOR A PICNIC ANY MORE! POOR MR. HORTON!

MAYBE IF THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND AND HIDING, WE MIGHT SPOT HIM FROM THAT PLATFORM! YOU GET A GOOD VIEW OF THE WHOLE FARM FROM THERE!

I HAVE A HUNCH THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE STAY HERE ALL NIGHT AND KEEP WATCH? THE MOON IS FULL SO THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF LIGHT!

RIGHT—WE CAN TAKE TURNS STANDING WATCH!

ONLY A FEW MORE MINUTES AND MY WATCH WILL BE OVER! IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT! MAYBE OUR HUNCH WAS WRONG! NOBODY'D HIDE OUT THIS LONG!

I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER...GOTTA CATCH THAT ONE O'CLOCK FREIGHT! IF I CAN JUST SLIP PAST, I WON'T HURT 'EM...BUT IF THEY WAKE UP, I'LL HAFTA USE THIS KNIFE!

WHA...?



THE END

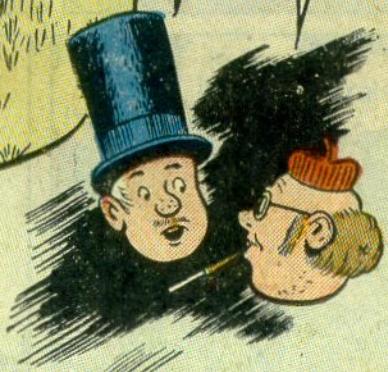
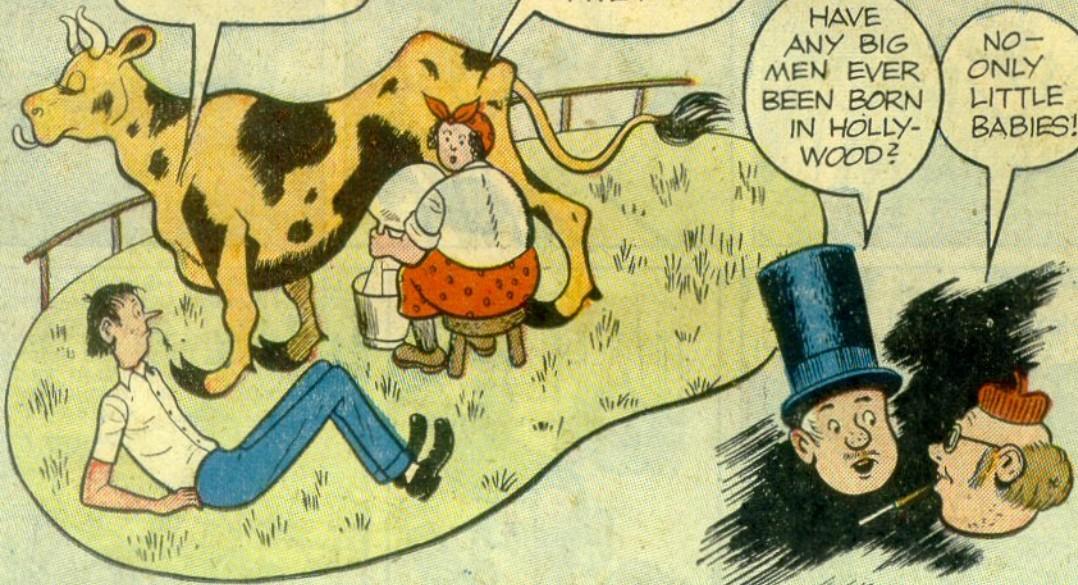
BELLY LAUGHS

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING
TO LEARN ABOUT FARMING,
MRS. LINGO?

GETTING
UP AT
FIVE A.M.!

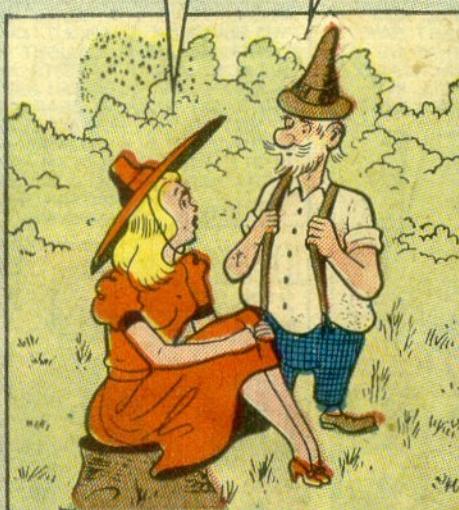
HAVE
ANY BIG
MEN EVER
BEEN BORN
IN HOLLY-
WOOD?

NO—
ONLY
LITTLE
BABIES!



SAY, HOW
DO YOU
FIND THE
MOSQUITOES
OUT HERE?

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO!
THEY
FIND
YOU!



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO GIVE ME
FOR
CHRISTMAS,
ARTHUR?

CLOSE
YOUR EYES
AND TELL
ME WHAT
YOU SEE!

NOTHING!

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET!



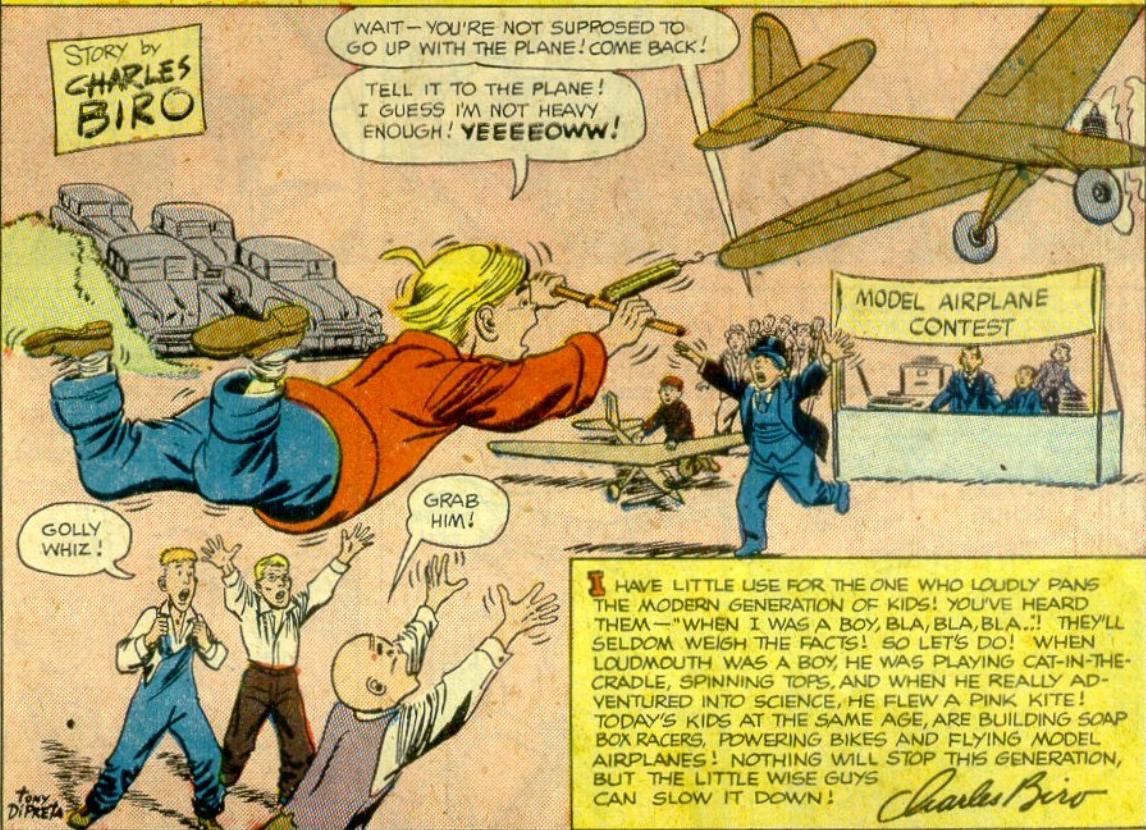
the LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "WISE GUYS VERSUS GRAVITY"

STORY by
CHARLES BIRO

WAIT - YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO
GO UP WITH THE PLANE! COME BACK!

TELL IT TO THE PLANE!
I GUESS I'M NOT HEAVY
ENOUGH! YEEEEEOWWW!



I HAVE LITTLE USE FOR THE ONE WHO LOUDLY PANS THE MODERN GENERATION OF KIDS! YOU'VE HEARD THEM—"WHEN I WAS A BOY, BLA, BLA, BLA..!" THEY'LL SELDOM WEIGH THE FACTS! SO LET'S DO! WHEN LOUDMOUTH WAS A BOY, HE WAS PLAYING CAT-IN-THE-CRADLE, SPINNING TOPS, AND WHEN HE REALLY ADVENTURED INTO SCIENCE, HE FLEW A PINK KITE! TODAY'S KIDS AT THE SAME AGE, ARE BUILDING SOAP BOX RACERS, POWERING BIKES AND FLYING MODEL AIRPLANES! NOTHING WILL STOP THIS GENERATION, BUT THE LITTLE WISE GUYS CAN SLOW IT DOWN!

Charles Biro

HEY, SNOOKIE!
AREN'T YOU
COMIN' TO
PRACTICE
TODAY?

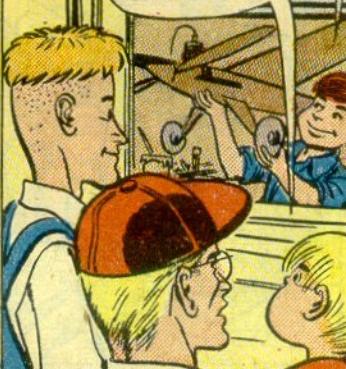
I'M SORRY, FELLAS,
BUT I'VE GOTTA
FINISH MY PLANE BE-
FORE THE CONTEST
TOMORROW! I'LL PLAY
WITH YOU NEXT
WEEK!



IT
SURE
IS A
BEAUTY!

THANKS, BUT THAT'S NOT
WHAT'S IMPORTANT!
THEY'RE JUDGING 'EM ON
HOW **POWERFUL**
THEY ARE! THAT'S WHY
THE MOTOR'S SO BIG!

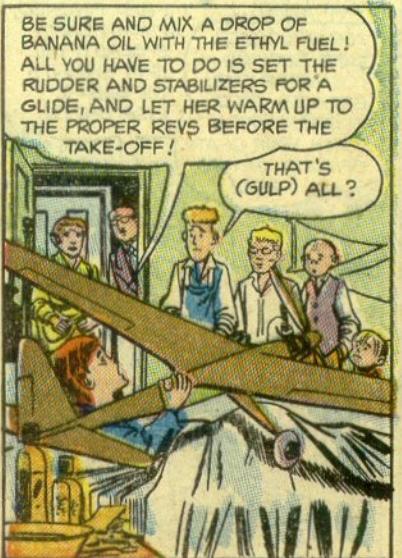
GOOD LUCK, SNOOKIE!
C'MON, FELLAS---WELL
BE LATE!

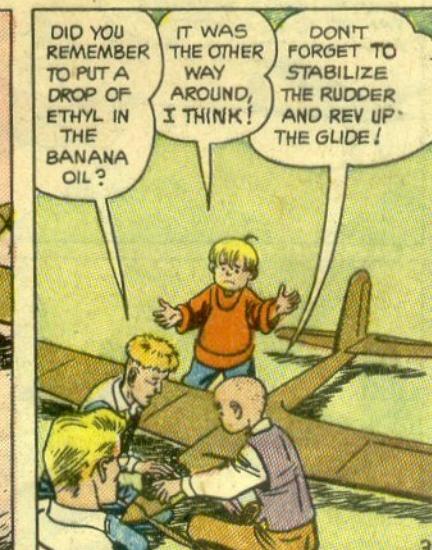
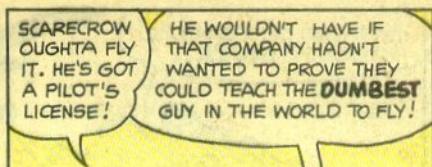
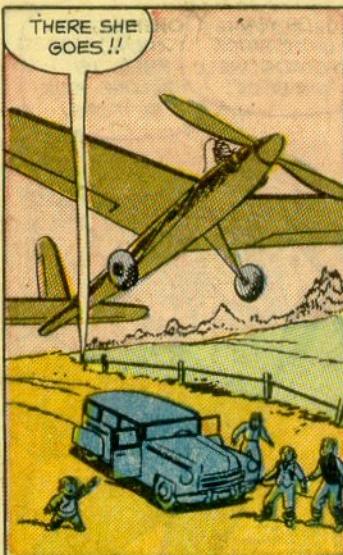


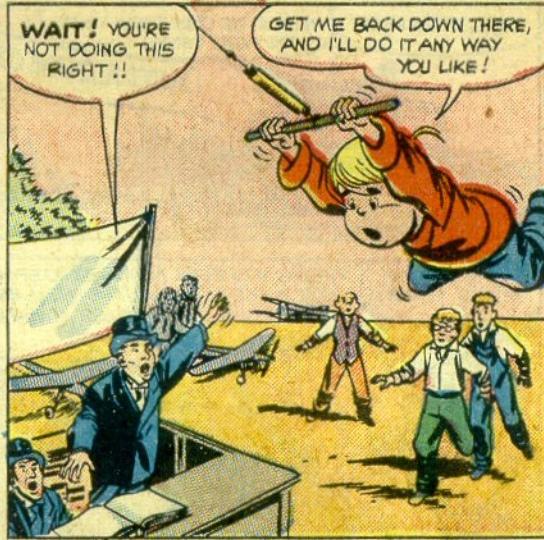
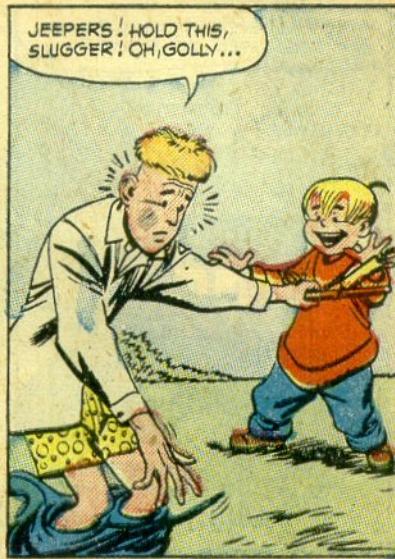
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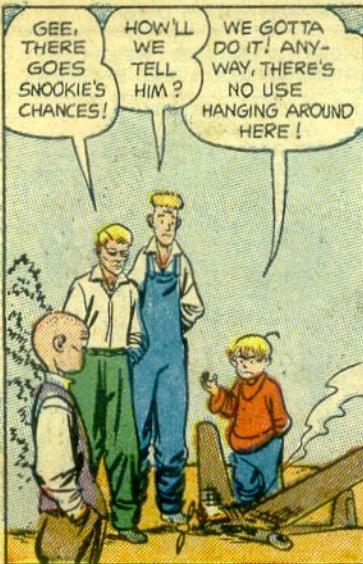
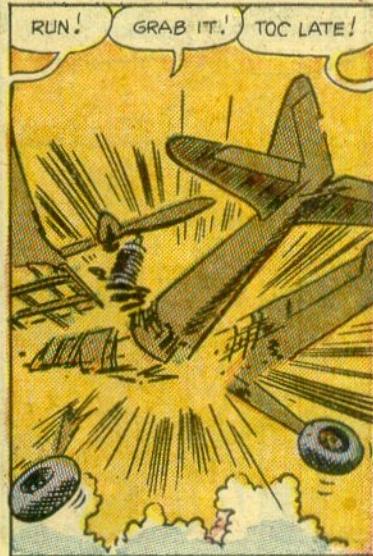
I JUST FINISHED,
M-MOM! SHE'S
B-BEAUTIFUL,
ISN'T SHE? IT'S
THE BEST I
EVER D-DID!!











IS SNOOKIE
PETERS HOME?

YOWWW!!!
LOOKIT THAT!!

THE LITTLE FELLOW WEIGHED SIXTY-SIX POUNDS, AND THE PLANE LIFTED HIM, SO IT WAS AT LEAST THAT STRONG! THE CLOSEST TO THAT WAS SIXTY ONE POUNDS SO, HE WON!

YOU WON, SNOOKIE!
YOUR PLANE WAS
FIVE POUNDS BETTER
THAN ANYBODY
ELSE'S.

I WON? OH
GOLLY...OH,
GOSH--I'M SO
HAPPY!



...AND THE FIRST PRIZE ALSO
INCLUDES THIS CHECK FOR ONE
THOUSAND DOLLARS!

I'M AFRAID
THAT...ULP...THE
PLANE GOT
SORTA BEATEN,
SNOOKIE.

GOSH,
THAT'S OKAY!
I CAN BUILD
A HUNDRED
PLANES LIKE
THAT! I WON
FIRST PRIZE!



YOU'VE DONE
IT, KIDS! THE
COLOR'S COMING
BACK INTO HIS
CHEEKS ALREADY!
I'M SURE HE'S
GOING TO BE
ALL RIGHT!

THERE ARE NO
WORDS TO TELL
YOU HOW MUCH
I...OH, YOU
DARLINGS!

GOSH! THAT'S
OKAY!



A FEW WEEKS LATER...

HURRY UP, SNOOKIE! WE CAN'T GET
ALONG WITHOUT A THIRD BASEMAN!

HOLD YOUR SHIRTS ON!
I'M COMING!!



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THE AZTECS DID NOT BECOME A REAL POWER UNTIL 1427 WHEN THEY EMERGED AS EXCELLENT FARMERS AND CRAFTSMEN...

AZTEL PRISONERS OF WAR COULD GAIN THEIR FREEDOM BY BESTING FIVE WARRIOR IN COMBAT! HIS CHANCES WERE VERY SLIM...



YET FIGHTING AND RELIGION WERE THE PRINCIPAL AZTEL PURSUITS! THE WARRIOR PRAYS TO HIS WAR GOD "HUITZILOPOCHTLI" FOR VICTORY IN BATTLE!



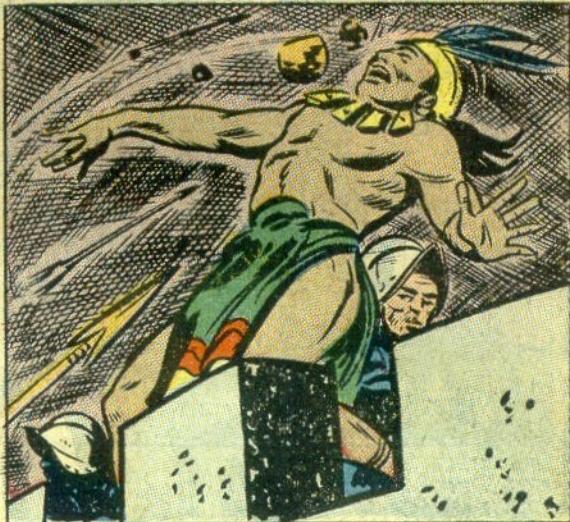
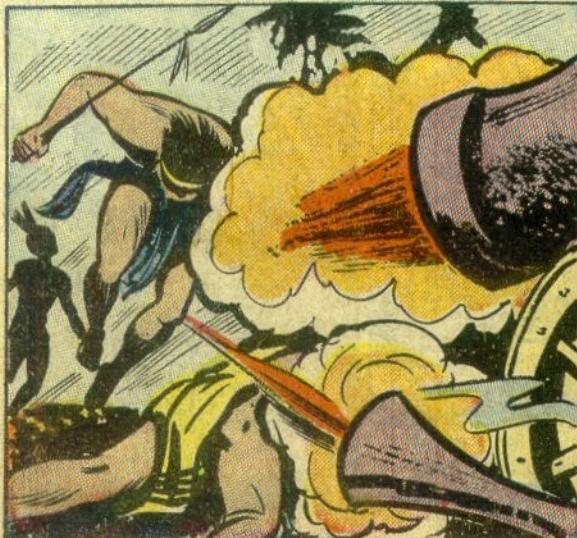
IN 1519, CORTEZ AND HIS FOLLOWERS CAME FROM SPAIN TO DISCOVER THIS TEEMING CIVILIZATION...



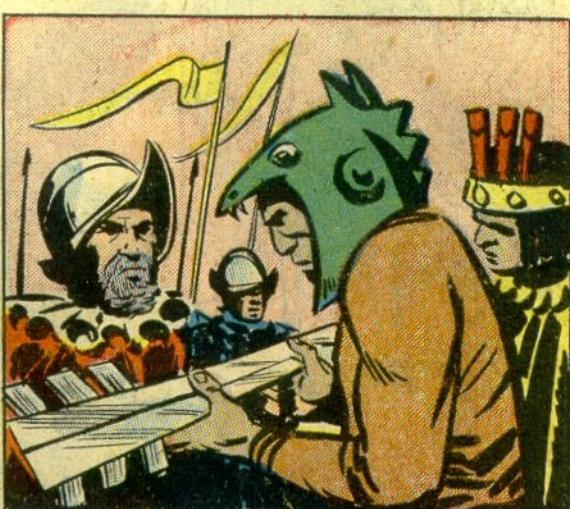
MONTEZUMA, THE REIGNING KING, RECEIVED THE FOREIGNERS AND GAVE THEM PALACES TO LIVE IN. CORTEZ, BLINDED BY ALL THE WEALTH AROUND HIM KIDNAPPED MONTEZUMA AND HELD HIM FOR RANSOM...



CORTEZ RETURNED WITH REINFORCEMENTS AND FINALLY CONQUERED THE AZTEC NATION WITH SUPERIOR FORCE OF ARMS...



IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE THEIR KING, MONTEZUMA, THE HOSTAGE WAS KILLED AND A FIERCE BATTLE ENSUED! THE SPANIARDS, OUTNUMBERED, RETREATED....



AFTER THEIR DEFEAT AND SURRENDER, THE AZTEL NATION EXISTED NO MORE, BUT TO THIS DAY THEIR CULTURE EXERTS A DEFINITE INFLUENCE ON ALL OF MEXICO!

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